ARKANSAS

WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS

September 26, 2005

USDA/NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE



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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING September 25, 2005 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: September 26, 3PM - There were 6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 19% very short, 31% short, 38% adequate, and 12% surplus.

CROPS: Dry, hot conditions were followed with much needed rain from Hurricane Rita over much of the state. Significant rice lodging was reported in several counties. Harvest for field crops continued. Apple harvest continued. Rain fall should help newly planted winter wheat to get established.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported to be in fair condition. Culling cows and calves, and feeding hay reported due to dry conditions. Some cattle being sold due to shortage of pastures and hay. Fertilized cool season perennial forages, and planted cool season annual forages. Rainfall too late to help much with warm season grasses.

Progress %						Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
CORN										
Matured	100	99	100	100						
Harvested	93	80	97	94						
SOYBEANS					10	19	34	30	7	
Yellowing	76	68	71	53						
Shedding	59	52	55	48						
Matured	45	35	44	24						
Harvested	32	26	32	19						
SORGHUM										
Matured	97	95	99	99						
Harvested	82	76	89	87						
COTTON					0	2	22	51	25	
Bolls Open	95	88	87	89						
Harvested	15	5	7	12						
RICE					1	6	30	41	22	
Ripe	92	85	N/A	92*						
Harvested	64	41	70	67						
WINTER WHEAT										
Planted	5	2	4	2						
HAY- OTHER					33	29	30	8	0	
HAY-ALFALFA	ALFALFA					38	28	10	0	
PASTURE & RANGE			31	30	32	7	0			

N/A-Not asked in that week of 2004. *Three year average for 2000, 2002, and 2005.

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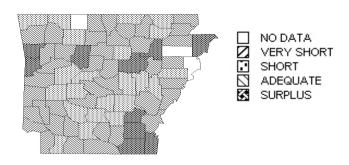
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 25, 2005. Temperatures were above normal in all areas. Pecipitation reported in all areas of the state. Several reporting stations recorded the high temperature of 102° and Batesville recorded the low temperature of 57°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 5.60 inches at Stuttgart to 0.65 inches at Fayetteville.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: September 25, 2005

DISTRICT		MPERATUR		RAINFALL						
AND		_	DEP	WEEK	CURR		JAN-AUG			
STATION	HIGH	LOW	FROM	ENDING	SEP	SEP				
			NORM	SEP 25	ACCUM.	NORMAL	2005	NORMAL		
1 Fayetteville	93	64	10	0.65	2.87	4.83	22.92	29.51		
Harrison	94	67	12	2.67	5.32	4.03	21.05	29.08		
2 Calico Rock	96	60	10	2.20	3.22	4.08	24.28	29.37		
Gilbert	96	64	9	2.03	3.69	3.73	24.19	28.60		
Greers Ferry	97	61	9	3.35	4.45	4.10	24.31	32.15		
Mountain Home	95	64	12	2.15	5.38	4.33	34.09	28.51		
3 Batesville	101	57	11	2.60	3.59	3.58	23.89	30.45		
Jonesboro	97	66	10	1.79	4.47	3.12	26.24	29.90		
Keiser	99	66	11	3.17	5.93	3.65	26.22	33.10		
Newport	99	63	10	2.84	3.78	3.49	22.79	31.37		
4 Booneville	97	66	9	2.25	6.93	4.04	22.12	30.50		
Clarksville	96	68	11	1.94	5.41	3.88	29.50	29.53		
Dardanelle	98	68	11	2.12	4.05	3.56	24.04	31.18		
Ft. Smith	98	71	11	1.00	6.02	3.61	20.35	28.13		
Mena	98	65	10	3.83	4.70	5.07	22.59	36.74		
Ozark	95	69	9	1.18	3.68	3.70	34.39	28.63		
5 Conway	98	60	10	2.47	2.83	3.71	28.68	30.90		
Hot Springs	101	65	8	4.33	5.92	4.05	27.39	36.94		
Little Rock	98	68	10	3.40	3.77	3.71	28.36	32.53		
N Little Rock	98	68	9	3.40	3.77	3.53	27.33	31.58		
6 Brinkley	99	70	11	4.30	5.35	3.02	28.53	33.08		
Marianna	98	70	10	3.99	4.82	3.16	25.62	35.21		
Stuttgart	100	69	10	5.60	7.09	2.86	26.25	32.14		
7 Hope	100	67	11	4.75	6.64	4.06	20.35	34.94		
Texarkana	102	69	11	4.03	4.04	3.40	20.14	29.94		
8 Camden	102	68	10	5.10	5.55	3.60	25.71	34.72		
El Dorado	102	68	11	3.19	3.52	3.29	22.26	36.89		
Warren	100	64	9	5.06	5.89	3.71	30.76	36.68		
9 Eudora	101	64	8	2.55	4.08	2.71	26.36	38.85		
Pine Bluff	100	69	11	3.62	4.11	3.20	31.36	34.51		
Rohwer	99	69	10	4.87	6.32	2.91	31.19	34.70		